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GOING—toward 3,000.

WHEN will we reach it. Not yet for a while.

RENEW your subscription *at once*, and secure at least *one* new subscriber.

STILL the list grows, but it ought to grow more rapidly. Let us go on toward 3,000.

THE March numbers of *Our Little Folks* were mailed last Monday a week ago. *Cheering Words* are mailed this week.

A BROTHER writes: "Your paper is highly spoken of and is gaining in favor. Your sample copies are judiciously distributed, and I hear of some not members whom I expect to enroll by these sample copies." Thanks, brother. That is what counts.

THE *Religious Telescope* remarks: "Compliments to the Telescope are most highly appreciated by the editors and publishing agents *when they are coined into new subscriptions*. Send in as many such compliments as possible, brethren. They make our hearts glad." That exactly is the point. Compliments are encouraging but compliments are poor bread and meat for the Editor and publisher.

THE temperance story, entitled "A Parable of Horrors," is now ready and we want an agent in every community to sell it. Full particulars sent on application.

REVIVAL work is moving grandly forward all over the brotherhood. Large numbers have been added to the church within the last three months. We have every reason to feel encouraged. Where new members are added do not neglect to introduce the church paper.

THE religious press is discussing, with some interest, the question, as to which denomination is ahead in giving place to women in the church. The Free Will Baptists and United Brethren are in the lead. The priority belongs to the Brethren church, which from the day of its organization, has given women an equal place with men.

A CORRECTION. In Vol. XVII, No. 27 of the EVANGELIST, in reference to the question which I asked as to the custom of the Brethren church as to the time that deacons are to serve, I stated that under the instruction of our *then pastor* we elected our deacons for one year. I should have said that the church elected them to serve for one year at a time. *A Brother.*

A SALOON keeper on the line of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad complains that the Y. M. C. A. has been the cause of reducing his receipts from \$3000 per month to less than \$700 per month. The Y. M. C. A. needs no better recommendation than this. It is to be hoped that the receipts of the saloon will be reduced to the starvation point, and this drive the saloon keeper into a decent and legitimate business. Any organization that can reduce the saloon keeper's trade deserves the support of the Christian church everywhere.

THE call of a dollar is more effective with many than the King's call to royal, heavenly service.

THE following in the *Catholic World*, by Rev. Luther McSweeney explains itself:—A great manufacturing company in Massachusetts recently paid its workmen on Saturday evening seven hundred ten-dollar bills, each bill being marked. By the following Tuesday four hundred and ten of these marked bills were deposited in the bank by the saloon keepers of the town. Four thousand and one hundred dollars had passed from the hands of workmen on Saturday night and Sunday, and left them nothing to show for this great sum of money but headaches and poverty in their homes. Well might these men cry out to the State: "Save us from ourselves!" And their hapless wives and children: "Save us from our husbands and fathers on the Lord's Day, at least!"

THE Rev. Dr. Palmer, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of New Orleans, recently delivered a sermon on "The First Woman," from which we quote as follows: "I do not undertake to say, that the serpent knew she was the weaker of the two. I do not undertake to say that the serpent would not have been successful had he approached Adam first. Any way, he made the woman his instrument. He deceived her. How much better would it have been for Eve if she had not forgotten that she was the helpmeet, and had sent the serpent to Adam. She was a little too progressive. She saw the tree of life was beautiful, and she recognized the possibilities of becoming greater than she was. She felt the joy of anticipating her elevation to a station higher than the one in which the Lord had placed her. Since she felt the world has been turned upside down." Suppose the woman had sent the serpent to Adam, what then! As the case stands, it is decidedly in the woman's favor. She was *deceived*. Adam plunged into the awful ruin with his eyes wide open, then blamed his *wife*, and yet the Dr. thinks she should have handed the cases over to Adam. He would have made a worse job of it, if a worse one was possible.